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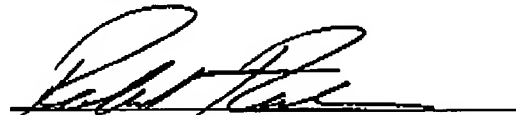
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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-40 are pending in the above application. Claims 1, 3-8, 26 and 27 stand rejected. Claims 2, 9-12, and 28-32 are objected to, but otherwise contain allowable subject matter. Claims 13-25 and 33-40 are allowable. Applicants have amended the case to put all claims in a condition for allowance. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form by incorporating the allowable subject matter of claim 2 into claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable and claims 3-8 which depend therefrom are also allowable. Claim 9 has been amended to change its dependency to amended allowable claim 1. Accordingly, claims 9-12, which are noted as containing allowable subject matter, are also in a condition for allowance. Finally, the allowable subject matter of claim 28 has been incorporated into independent claim 26 to put independent claim 26 in a condition for allowance. Claim 28 has been cancelled. Thus, claims 26 and dependent claims 27 and 29-32 are also in a condition for allowance. Claims 13-25 and 33-40 have not been amended as they are allowable as presented.

Having overcome all of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-27, and 29-40 are in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowability indicating the same is therefore earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any unsolved matters remain, or if any clarification is desired with regard to any of the remarks set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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